

CALVARY CONTENDER EXCERPTS

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RATHER: 'YOU CAN LIE AND STILL BE HONEST'--CBS News anchor Dan Rather in a Fox News interview last month said he thinks Bill Clinton is an honest man, even though he lied under oath and to Jim Lehrer about the Lewinsky affair. Rather said: "I think you can be an honest person and lie about any number of things." (5/28 USN&WR) Evidence abounds that the mainline media are governed by this postmodern definition of honesty. (Calvary Contender, June 15, 2001)

NORTH KOREA: MASSIVE MILITARY, STARVING PEOPLE--With land mass less than Mississippi's, and a population less than a tenth of the U.S., North Korea fields the fifth largest army in the world. It finances its war machine by selling missile technology to Iran, Syria, and other potential rogues (5/26 World). Famine has devastated much of the population. Since 1995, at least 2 million NKs are believed to have died of starvation. The UN spends over 30 percent of its food budget on NK. The U.S. is the largest donor of food and is sending 500,000 metric tons of grain annually. Mennonites and other church groups send massive aid much of which is used by communist NK to feed its army, buy new military equipment from Russia, etc., while its population starves. (Calvary Contender, June 15, 2001)

METHODIST BISHOP DOWNPLAYS CONVERSION--The chief ecumenical officer of the United Methodist Church says Christian missionaries should stop putting so much emphasis on converting people to Christ and instead focus on what it means to live with others in peace (5/1 Agape Press). Bishop Melvin Talbert said when Jesus prayed that all might be one, there was no Christian church. He said Jesus was appealing to the people of the earth to be one. The Bible tells us to preach the gospel. (Calvary Contender, June 15, 2001)

HYPNOSIS: MEDICAL, SCIENTIFIC, OR OCCULTIST?--This is the title of a new book by Martin & Deidre Bobgan. They say hypnotism is potentially dangerous at its best and demonic at its worst. And: "At its worst, it opens an individual to psychic experiences and satanic possession. When mediums go into hypnotic trances and contact the 'dead,' when clairvoyants reveal information which they could not possibly know, when fortunetellers through self-hypnosis reveal the future, Satan is at work. Hypnosis is an altered state of consciousness and the shamanic state of consciousness. Satan transforms himself into an angel of light whenever necessary to accomplish his schemes. If he can make an occult practice (hypnotism) look beneficial through a false facade (medicine or science), he will. It is obvious that hypnosis is lethal if used for evil purposes [and] is potentially lethal for

whatever purposes it is used. The moment one surrenders himself to the doorway of the occult, even in the halls of science and medicine, he is vulnerable to the powers of darkness." This 144-page book is available at the special price of \$9.00 from PsychoHeresy Awareness Ministries, 4137 Primavera Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93110 (800/216-4696). (Calvary Contender, July 1, 2001)

BUDDHIST OCCULTISM--After Billy Graham and the Pope, the Dalai Lama is probably the world's most recognized religious figure. He is called the "god-king" of Tibet and is Buddhism's guru. Buddhism says there is no God or Supreme Creator. Tibetans emphasize contact with spirit mediums (6/11 Christianity Today). The Dalai Lama regularly consults with the Nechung Oracle, said to be a spirit deity who takes over the body of a chosen Tibetan Buddhist. (Calvary Contender, July 1, 2001)

FRANKLIN GRAHAM SPEAKS AT LIBERTY GRADUATION--Dr. Franklin Graham, CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and president of Samaritan's Purse, was the commencement speaker for Liberty University's 1,507 graduates. He awarded degrees to his son and daughter-in-law (6/01 Nat'l Lib. Journal). LU chancellor Jerry Falwell and president John Borek led the processional. Billy Graham was LU's 1997 speaker. (Calvary Contender, July 1, 2001)

LAHAYES GIVE \$4.5 MILLION TO LIBERTY UNIVERSITY--Popular author and pastor-theologian Tim LaHaye and his wife Beverly, founder of Concerned Women for America and a member of the Liberty University Board of Trustees, made a dramatic \$4.5 million donation to Jerry Falwell's Liberty University. Dr. Tim LaHaye was the Baccalaureate speaker May 11. The funds will match an earlier \$4.5 million commitment for constructing a \$9 million Tim & Beverly LaHaye Student Center on the LU campus (6/01 Nat'l Lib. Journal). LaHaye no doubt came into big bucks from being co-author of Left Behind. A new Tim LaHaye School of Prophecy is set to open Jan. 1, 2002 at Liberty with LaHaye serving as president. (Calvary Contender, July 1, 2001)